



Trump willing to shut down government over border security

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BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP) — President Donald Trump said Sunday that he would consider shutting down the government if Democrats refuse to vote for his immigration proposals, including a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

Republicans, trying to protect their majority in Congress, are playing down the chance of a shutdown as the November election nears. Trump, however, isn't backing away from the idea.

"I would be willing to 'shut down' government if the Democrats do not give us the votes for Border Security, which includes the Wall!"

Trump tweeted. "Must get rid of Lottery, Catch & Release etc. and finally go to system of Immigration based on MERIT!"

"We need great people coming into our Country!" Trump said.

Trump returned to the idea of shutting down the government over the border wall after meeting at the White House last week with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to discuss the fall legislative agenda.

McConnell, asked about a shutdown during a Kentucky radio interview, said it was not going to happen.

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In this March 13, 2018, file photo, President Donald Trump speaks during a tour as he reviews border wall prototypes in San Diego.

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He did acknowledge, however, that the border funding issue was unlikely to be resolved before the mid-term elections.

Ryan said after the meeting: "The president's willing to be patient to make sure that we get what we need so that we can get that done." He added that money for the wall was "not a question of if, it's a question of when."

Trump campaigned on the promise of building a border wall to deter illegal immigration and making Mexico pay for it. Mexico has refused.

Congress has given the president some wall funding but far from the \$25 billion he has requested. Trump wants changes to legal immigration, including scrapping a visa lottery program. In addition, he wants to end the practice of releasing immigrants caught entering the country illegally on the condition that they show up for court hearings.

Trump has also demanded that the U.S. shift to an immigration system based more on merit and less on family ties.

Democrats and some Republicans have objected to some of the changes Trump seeks.

The federal budget year ends Sept. 30, and lawmakers will spend much of August in their states campaigning for re-election. The House is now in recess, returning after Labor Day. The Senate remains in session and is set to go on break the week of Aug. 6 before returning for the rest of the month. McConnell canceled most of the Senate's recess to give senators time to work on the annual spending bills that fund government operations.



President Donald Trump boards Air Force One at Morristown Municipal Airport, in Morristown, N.J., Sunday, July 29, 2018, en route to Washington after visiting Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

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Both chambers will have a short window to approve a spending bill before government funding expires. Trump would be taking a political risk if he does allow most government functions to lapse on Oct. 1 — the first day of the new budget year — roughly a month before the Nov. 6 elections, when Republican control of both the House and Senate is at stake.

Some Republican lawmakers doubted the government would be forced to shut down.

Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said on CBS'

"Face the Nation" that he didn't think shutting down the government just before the elections would be helpful "so let's try and avoid it." Rep. Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, the campaign arm for GOP House candidates, agreed. "I think we're going to make sure we keep the government open, but we're going to get better policies on immigration," he said on ABC's "This Week." "The president, I think, wants us to have policies that work for America and work for Americans, and I think that's what we are going to move forward with."

House Republicans released a spending bill this month that provides \$5 billion next year to build Trump's wall, a plan he supports.

Democrats have long opposed financing Trump's wall but lack the votes by themselves to block House approval of that amount. They do, however, have the strength to derail legislation in the closely divided Senate.

The \$5 billion is well above the \$1.6 billion in the Senate version of the bill, which would finance the Department of Homeland Security. The higher amount matches what Trump has privately sought in conver-

sations with Republican lawmakers, according to a GOP congressional aide who wasn't authorized to publicly talk about private discussions and spoke on condition of anonymity.

At the White House meeting last week, Trump, Ryan and McConnell agreed that Congress is on track to enact more than half of federal spending before the new budget year begins Oct. 1, but that DHS funding, including the border wall money, doesn't have to be settled before then, according to a person familiar with the meeting who was not authorized to discuss it publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Two leading Democrats — Reps. Nita Lowey of New York and California's Lucille Roybal-Allard — called the \$5 billion a waste that "only further enables this administration's obsession with cruel attacks on immigrants." Trump also tweeted on Sunday that there are "consequences when people cross our Border illegally" and claimed many who do so are "using children for their own sinister purposes."

Trump's tweet came several days after the government said more than 1,800 children separated at the U.S.-Mexico border under Trump's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy have been reunited with parents and sponsors. A federal judge had ordered the reunions to be completed by last Thursday, but hundreds of children remain separated. The administration says some of their parents have criminal histories.

"Please understand, there are consequences when people cross our Border illegally, whether they have children or not - and many are just using children for their own sinister purposes," Trump said. □

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Manafort trial to focus on lavish lifestyle, not collusion

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trial of President Donald Trump's onetime campaign chairman will open this week with tales of lavish spending, secret shell companies and millions of dollars of Ukrainian money flowing through offshore bank accounts and into the political consultant's pocket.

What's likely to be missing are answers about whether the Trump campaign coordinated with the Kremlin during the 2016 presidential election, or really any mention of Russia at all.

Paul Manafort's financial crimes trial, the first arising from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, will center on his Ukrainian consulting work and only briefly touch on his involvement with the president's campaign.

But the broader implications are unmistakable.

The trial, scheduled to begin Tuesday with jury selection in Alexandria, Virginia, will give the public its most detailed glimpse of evidence Mueller's team has spent the year accumulating. It will feature testimony about the business dealings and foreign ties of a defendant Trump entrusted to run his campaign during a critical stretch in 2016, including during the Republican convention. And it will unfold at a delicate time for the president as Mueller's team presses for an interview and as Trump escalates his attacks on an investigation he calls a "witch hunt."

Adding to the intrigue is the expected spectacle of Manafort's deputy, Rick Gates, testifying against him after cutting a plea deal with prosecutors, and the speculation that Manafort, who faces more than two dozen charges in two courts and decades in prison if convicted, may be holding out for a pardon from Trump.

"Perhaps he believes that he's done nothing wrong, and because he's done nothing wrong, he's unwilling to plead guilty to any crime whatsoever — even if it's a lesser crime," said Jimmy Gurule, a Notre Dame law professor and former federal prosecutor. "Obviously, that's very risky for him."

Manafort was indicted along with Gates in Mueller's wide-ranging investigation, but he is the only American charged to opt for a trial instead of cooperating with the government. The remaining 31 defendants have either reached plea agreements, including ex-White House national security adviser Michael Flynn, or are Russians seen as unlikely to enter an American courtroom.

Prosecutors in Manafort's case have said they may call 35 witnesses, including five who have immunity agreements, as they try to prove that he laundered more than \$30 million in Ukrainian political consulting proceeds and concealed the funds from the IRS. Jurors are expected to see photographs of his Mercedes-Benz and of his Hampton property putting

green and swimming pool. There's likely to be testimony, too, about tailored Beverly Hills clothing, high-end antiques, rugs and art and New York Yankees seasons tickets. The luxurious lifestyle was funded by Manafort's political consulting for the pro-Russian Ukrainian political party of Viktor Yanukovich, who was deposed as Ukraine's president in 2014. Lawyers have tangled over how much jurors will hear of his overseas political work, particularly about his ties to Russia and other wealthy political figures. □



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Senate looms as big test for changes to U.S. fishing laws

By PATRICK WHITTLE

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

Fishermen and environmentalists are at odds over a suite of changes to American fishing laws that was approved by the House of Representatives, and the proposal faces a new hurdle in the Senate.

The House passed changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, a 42-year-old set of rules designed to protect American fisheries from overharvest, on July 11, largely along party lines. Environmental groups have derided the changes as antithetical to the purpose of the act, which many fishermen and conservationists credit with saving American seafood stocks such as New England sea scallops and Bering Sea snow crab. Supporters of the House bill and several commercial and recreational fishing groups have said the changes merely provide managers with flexibility and refocus the Magnuson-Stevens Act on sound science.

The big question is whether a bill will also pass the Senate before midterm elections. No bill has been proposed yet, and elections could bring changes that make it more difficult for such a bill to pass.

Sen. Dan Sullivan, an Alaska Republican and the chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard, is pursuing a Senate version of the bill, but no timeline is in place yet, a spokesman said.

"There's healthy agreement across Capitol Hill that reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Acts is long overdue," said the spokesman, Matt Shuckerow. Sullivan has already held numerous hearings on the subject, he



In this Friday, July 27, 2018, photo, the Ruth & Pat, a herring seine boat, motors out of the fog off the coast of South Portland, Maine.

Associated Press

said.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act guides the U.S. fishing industry, which generated more than \$200 billion in sales in 2015. It touches every fishery from Washington state's salmon to Maine's lobster. Officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced this year that the number of American fish stocks that can be described as overfished has hit an all-time low under the stewardship of the act, which last underwent major changes in 2006.

Republican Rep. Don Young, of Alaska, guided new changes to passage in the House this month. The House Committee on Natural Resources, led by bill supporter and Utah Republican Rep. Rob Bishop, released a statement that the bill gets rid of "unscientific timeframes" that "unnecessarily restrict access to fisheries."

One of the most controver-

sial portions of the bill would take away a requirement for annual catch limits for some fish species. It would also change rules about requirements to rebuild overfished stocks.

The bill is also designed to give fishery regulators more alternatives in how they manage fish stocks. It doesn't authorize any new

federal spending, and supporters say it would save about \$100 million over a similar bill that passed the House in 2015.


Supporters have also said the bill modernizes the management of recreational fishing, an industry that employs thousands.

"Anglers are leading conservationists," said Mike Leon-

ard, conservation director for the American Sportfishing Association, which supports the changes. But environmental groups have painted a dire picture and described the reauthorization as a rollback of a landmark conservation law. Ted Morton, director of federal ocean policy for The Pew Charitable Trusts, said he is already looking to the Senate to prevent the bill's passage.


"This bill increases the risk of overfishing in ocean waters, delays the rebuilding of depleted fish populations, and undercuts the important role science plays in management decisions," he said. "We hope the Senate will take a different tack with legislation that reflects our country's commitment to healthy fish populations and coastal communities."

The bill passed by a count of 222-193 in the House of Representatives. Only nine Democrats voted in favor of passage. Republicans have a much slimmer edge in the Senate, where they control 51 seats, and 35 Senate seats are the subject of elections this fall. □



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No more 'Filtadelphphia'? City tackles its litter problem

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia has been trying for decades to tackle its litter problem and shed itself of the nickname Filtadelphphia.

In June, the city and citizen groups tackled one small piece of the big litter puzzle: the posting of illegal signs. Citizens collected over 8,500 signs from around the city in the action billed as the Bandit Signs Brigade. In the fall, the signs will be transformed by local artists and designers into something useful.

"These signs often end up as litter, and a littered community is bad for residents and bad for business," said Nic Esposito, director of the City's Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet.

The city paid groups 50 cents per sign, which ranged from music flyers to predatory offers to buy houses and cars, plastered to utility poles and traffic signs across the city. Mayor Jim Kenney created the Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet two years ago take on the problem, and this year the group unveiled 31 short- and long-term recommendations on what Philadelphia describes as "a bold goal of becoming 90 percent zero waste and litter-free by 2035."

Although not the highest priority, the illegal signs were something the cabinet had funding to tackle, and the roundup was a fun way to create awareness, Esposito said.

"Putting up signs in public spaces is a big issue, especially predatory signs," Esposito said. "People feel disrespected and preyed upon."

By the end of the two weeks, over 1,000 signs seeking to buy junk cars were collected. The penalty for posting such signs is \$300 per sign for the first offense and up to \$2,000 per sign for the second offense. For folks advertising their businesses or music events, the group just gives a call to let them know such postings are illegal, which can come as a surprise, Esposito said. But for the predatory signs, it intends to work



This July 18, 2018, photo shows illegally posted signs collected by citizens groups, in Philadelphia. Associated Press

on finding and fining the culprits.

The city is working with Trash Academy — a project of Mural Arts Philadelphia, which describes itself as the nation's largest public art program — to transform the signs into something useful. It is be part of a series of Trash Academy art projects that highlight the need to eliminate single use plastics from the waste stream.

The Trash Academy started in summer 2015, spurred by a community meeting in south Philadelphia, said Shari Hersh, a project manager at Mural Arts.

"Above all else, more than anything, the community was most concerned about trash," she said. So the Trash Academy was born, working with neighborhoods on education, grassroots organizing and creating innovative solutions to address trash. Right now, the group is still trying to determine what could be created out of the signs, and is working with a design shop that engages with communities on public art. It will reach out to the public to help create the works during Mural Arts week in October. "It's important to raise awareness," she said, "that whether you use these signs for good or bad, they are going to be litter or in the landfill." □

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Deadly Northern California wildfire rages largely unchecked

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Associated Press

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — The deadly Northern California wildfire that has forced tens of thousands of people to flee their homes burned virtually unchecked Sunday as fire crews surveyed a small town that was reduced to an ashy moonscape of blackened trees and smoldering rubble. Firefighters worried that high winds could fan the flames even further.

"Right now, it's going everywhere. We still have a lot of open line," said Anthony Romero, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "Any event could bring this back up again."

The National Weather Service forecast more hot and dry conditions, with wind gusts expected late in the afternoon. Keswick, a mountain town of about 450 people, was almost completely wiped out. The San Bernardino County Fire Department was called in to tamp down smoking piles of debris that were scattered amid downed electricity lines.

"What we're seeing here is an incomplete burn situation," Capt. Doug Miles said as his crew used picks, shovels and rakes to open up piles that just days ago were family homes. The flames laid waste to about 25 blocks, and the "mop up" work was likely to take days. He said his crew would be looking for anything salvageable, but there was little left standing.

Anna Noland, 49, was evacuated twice in three days before learning



Capt. Scott Fisher, with the San Bernardino County Fire Department, surveys a wildfire-damaged neighborhood, Sunday, July 29, 2018, in Keswick, Calif.

Associated Press

through video footage that her house had burned. She planned to stay at a shelter at Simpson College in Redding while searching for another place to live. "I think I'm still in shock," Noland said. "It's just unbelievable knowing you don't have a house to go back to."

Noland was among the 38,000 people who evacuated after the so-called Carr Fire roared into the outskirts of Redding in Shasta County, leaving five people dead — two firefighters and a woman and her two great-grandchildren.

"My babies are dead," Sherry Bledsoe said through tears after she and family members met Saturday with sheriff's deputies. Her two children, 5-year-old James Roberts and 4-year-old Emily Roberts, were stranded with their great-grandmother Melody Bledsoe, 70, when flames swept through the family's rural property Thursday on the outskirts of Redding.

A vehicle problem ignited the fire July 23, but it wasn't until Thursday that the blaze exploded in size and raced into populated areas west of Redding before entering city limits.

On Saturday, it pushed southwest of Redding, the largest city in the region, toward the tiny communities of Ono, Igo and Gas Point. The fire grew slightly Sunday to 139 square miles (360 square kilometers). It is the largest fire burning in California, threatening more than 5,000 structures. The flames were just 5 percent contained.

The latest tally showed at least 517 structures destroyed and another 135 damaged, Romero said. A count by The Associated Press found at least 300 of those structures were homes.

The firefighters killed in the blaze included Don Ray Smith, 81, of Pollock Pines, a bulldozer operator who was helping clear vegetation in the path of the wildfire. Redding Fire Inspector Jeremy Stoke was also killed, but details of his death were not released.

Bledsoe's relatives were among more than a dozen people reported missing after the furious wind-driven blaze took residents by surprise and leveled several neighborhoods. Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko said he expects to find several of those people alive and just out of touch with loved ones. Officers have gone to homes of several people reported missing and found cars gone — a strong indication they fled.

Wildfires around the state have forced roughly 50,000 people from their homes, said Lynne Tolmachoff, a Cal Fire spokeswoman. About 12,000 firefighters were battling 17 significant fires Sunday in California, she said. □

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3 dead, 7 wounded after gunmen in New Orleans fire on crowd

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two armed individuals walked up to a crowd gathered Saturday evening outside a strip mall in New Orleans and opened fire, killing three people and wounding seven more, the police chief said.

The shooting happened on a busy thoroughfare about 3 miles (4.83 kilometers) from the French Quarter, police said.

Police chief Michael Harrison, speaking to reporters late Saturday in televised comments, said the two suspects believed to be wearing hoodies had a rifle and a handgun. He said they appeared to have fired indiscriminately into the crowd, striking ten people. Before fleeing they took time to stand over one person.

"We believe that they actually stood over one of the individuals and fired multiple rounds and then after that fled," he said.

Police responding to the shooting found three victims - two men and one woman - who were pronounced dead at the scene. Seven other victims - five men and two women - were taken to two separate hospitals. Four of them were driven in private vehicles, and three were transported by ambulance.

Harrison said one under-

went surgery and was in critical condition; the other six were in various conditions but none were considered life-threatening.

Harrison spoke with family members and friends at the scene of the "volatile and tense situation." He called on people to come forward and help police find the killers and also asked people not to take matters into their own hands.

"This was an extremely tragic incident. A lot of people were out here tonight. A lot of people, we know, saw what happened, heard what happened. And we need more than anything for people to come forward to help the NOPD right now solve this case," Harrison said.

He said police do not know whether it was gang-related. Lawrence Russo was buying a scratch-off ticket at nearby gas station when he heard what he at first thought were firecrackers before he realized they were gunshots. He told NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune that he heard a total of 13 to 16 shots fired.

"They never stop killing each other," he said, shaking his head as he spoke.

Near the scene of the shooting, beyond the police tape, people could be seen crying and hugging one another in comfort.

The New Orleans Advocate (<https://bit.ly/2AlrJXt>) reported that a woman stood behind the crime scene tape shouting, "Pick my brother up," as two bodies lay uncovered. NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune reported two men were trying to console two sobbing women as one of the women shouted: "That's my

baby."

Mayor LaToya Cantrell said in a statement: "There is no place in New Orleans for this kind of violence. I speak for everyone in our City when I say we are disgusted, we are infuriated, & we have had more than enough. Three more lives — gone. It has to end. It's unacceptable anywhere." □



Emergency workers tend to a person that fainted near the scene of a shooting in New Orleans, Saturday night, July 28, 2018.

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After prison release, Palestinian teen considers law study

By MOHAMMED DARAGH-MEH

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NABI SALEH, West Bank (AP)

— Palestinian teen Ahed Tamimi, who became an international symbol of resistance to Israeli occupation after slapping two soldiers, walked out of an Israeli prison Sunday and told throngs of journalists and well-wishers that she now wants to study law to defend her people.

The curly haired 17-year-old said that "resistance continues until the occupation is removed," but refrained from saying she would slap soldiers again. The teen, who is on probation, said her eight months in prison were tough and helped her appreciate life. At an outdoor news conference near her family home, she spoke against the backdrop of a large model of a slingshot that was "loaded" with a pencil rather than a stone, apparently to highlight education as one of the possible Palestinian tactics.

Underlying her case are clashing narratives about Israel's half-century rule over the Palestinians, the extent of permissible Palestinian resistance to it and the battle for global public opinion.

Tamimi's supporters see a brave girl who struck two armed soldiers in frustration after having just learned that Israeli troops seriously wounded a 15-year-old cousin, shooting him in the head from close range with a rubber bullet during near-by stone-throwing clashes.



Ahed Tamimi speaks sitting between her father Bassam and mother Nariman during press conference on outskirts of the West Bank village of Nabi Saleh, July 29, 2018.

Associated Press

In Israel, she is seen by many either as a provocateur, an irritation or a threat to the military's deterrence policy — even as a "terrorist." Israel has treated her actions as a criminal offense, indicting her on charges of assault and incitement. In liberal circles, the hard-charging prosecution of Tamimi was criticized as a public relations disaster because it turned her into an international icon.

Her release comes at a time when Palestinian hopes for an independent state appear dimmer than ever. Israeli-Palestinian talks on setting up a state in lands captured by Israel in 1967 — the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem — have been deadlocked since hard-line Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

came to power in 2009. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas suspended contacts with the U.S. after President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December in what Palestinians denounced as a display of blatant pro-Israel bias. Abbas, meanwhile, has stepped up financial pressure on Gaza, controlled since 2007 by his bitter domestic rival, the Islamic militant Hamas. Many Palestinians are disillusioned by their leaders in both political camps and feel exhausted after years of conflict with Israel. Alternatives have arisen, including calling for a single state for both peoples between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean, but haven't gained a mass following.

In this context, the idea of so-called popular resistance — regular demonstrations, including stone-throwing by unarmed protesters — has only caught on in a few West Bank villages, including Nabi Saleh, home to the extended Tamimi clan.

Since 2009, residents of Nabi Saleh have staged regular anti-occupation protests that often ended with stone-throwing clashes. Ahed has participated in such marches from a young age and has had several highly publicized run-ins with soldiers. One photo shows the then 12-year-old raising a clenched fist toward a soldier towering over her. In a sign of her popularity, a pair of Italian artists painted a large mural of her on

Israel's West Bank separation barrier ahead of her release.

Israeli police said they were caught in the act along with another Palestinian and arrested for vandalism. On Sunday, Israel canceled the visas of the two Italians and ordered them to leave the country within three days, police said.

Ahed and her mother Nariman — also arrested in December in connection with the same incident — were released Sunday morning from a prison in northern Israel. They were driven by bus to the West Bank and were given a hero's welcome in Nabi Saleh.

"The resistance continues until the occupation is removed," Ahed said upon her return. "All the female prisoners are steadfast. I salute everyone who supported me and my case." From her home, Ahed headed to a visit to the grave of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. She laid a wreath, kissed the headstone — twice at the request of photographers — and recited a prayer from the Quran, the Muslim holy book.

She was then taken with her family to a meeting with Abbas at his headquarters in Ramallah.

The 83-year-old Abbas praised her as a symbol of resistance to occupation — even as he faces growing domestic criticism for not walking away from continued security coordination between his forces and Israeli troops against Hamas, a shared foe. □

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Zimbabwe's Mugabe emerges, rejects ruling party in election

By FARAI MUTSAKA

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)

— In a surprise address to the nation after months of silence, Zimbabwe's former leader Robert Mugabe emerged just hours before Monday's historic election declaring that "I will not vote for those who have illegally taken power" and turning his back on the ruling party he long controlled.

Slow and rambling, the 94-year-old Mugabe spoke to reporters on Sunday with bitterness about his dramatic removal in November under military pressure and amid a ruling party feud.

He was coy about endorsing anyone ahead of the election in which the former deputy that he fired, President Emmerson Mnangagwa, faces a 40-year-old lawyer and pastor, Nelson Chamisa. He indicated, however, that Chamisa was the only viable candi-



Former Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, left, and his wife Grace pose for a photo after a press conference at their residence in Harare, Sunday, July, 29, 2018. Associated Press

date.

"I cannot vote for those who have tormented me," Mugabe said in a reference to Mnangagwa, who took office with the military's support. "I cannot

vote for ZANU-PF," the ruling party that has rejected him as well.

Mugabe, who has backed a new political party that is part of a coalition supporting Chamisa, said of him:

"He seems to be doing well at his rallies ... I wish to meet him if he wins."

And he added: "Whoever wins, we wish him well ... And let us accept the verdict."

Later on Sunday, Mnangagwa said in a video posted on Facebook that Chamisa had "forged a deal" with Mugabe and that a vote for the opposition leader amounted to an endorsement of the old order.

"We can no longer believe that his intentions are to transform Zimbabwe and rebuild our nation," the president said.

Chamisa, meanwhile, said at a news conference that he welcomed the vote of Mugabe or any other Zimbabwean and that "you don't discriminate against voters."

Many in Zimbabwe knew no other leader but Mugabe, who led the country for 37 years after independence from white minority rule in 1980. What began with optimism crumbled into repression of the opposition, alleged vote-rigging, violent land seizures from white farmers and years of international sanctions. □



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With opposition silenced, Cambodia's Hun Sen coasts to win

By SOPHENG CHEANG
JERRY HARMER

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Cambodia's ruling party has won Sunday's general election, the chief government spokesman said, a widely expected outcome in an election slammed by rights groups as illegitimate, and which ensures that long-ruling Prime Minister Hun Sen will serve another five year-term.

Although 20 parties contested the election, the only one with the popularity and organization to mount a real challenge, the Cambodian National Rescue Party, was dissolved last year by the Supreme Court in a ruling generally seen as political in nature.

The government spokesman, Khieu Kanharith, confirmed to The Associated Press that the Cambodian People's Party had topped the polls. He did not say how many of the of the 125 seats in the National Assembly the CPP had captured, but preliminary totals broadcast on state television showed that the party had won at least 70 per-



Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen holds his ballot at a polling station in Takhmua, Kandal province, southeast of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Sunday, July 29, 2018.

Associated Press

cent of the vote in each of the country's 25 provinces. Under the election's system of proportional representation, the party would likely grab more than 100 seats. Local and foreign rights groups, along with several Western governments, had agreed that the election

would not be credible. Charging that the polls were neither free nor fair, the disbanded CNRP's former leaders had urged people not to vote in what was dubbed a "Clean Finger" campaign because those who did cast ballots had to dip a finger in indelible ink, a practice meant to thwart multiple voting. According to detailed totals released by the state National Election Committee, more than 6.8 million registered voters, or 82.2 percent, cast ballots. The figure, if correct, would suggest that the promotion by opposition forces of a poll boycott was ineffective. In the last general election in 2013, voter turnout was 6.6 million, or 68.5 percent of 9.7 million registered voters.

Hun Sen said on his Facebook page before the results were announced that he welcomed the big turnout, and congratulated his countrymen for exercising their right to vote. Opposition forces, who had already judged the polls not to be free or fair because of the exclusion of the only credible challenger, can point to two reasons for the alleged failure of the boycott movement. In rural areas where the majority live, the failure to

vote — signified by having no fingers dipped in indelible ink — made voters subject to retaliation by local officials who carry out civic functions, such as land registration. There had been reports during the campaign of threats against anyone who planned to boycott the vote.

Voters in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital and an opposition stronghold, were less susceptible to such threats because of their higher visibility and safety in numbers. However, according to the election committee, even there the turnout was about 80 percent.

Doubts are also likely to be raised about the actual turnout figures because several established poll-watching groups — as well as contingents from the United States and the European Union — declined to take part because they felt the polls were not legitimate. One of the bigger Cambodian groups participating in poll-watching was led by one of Hun Sen's sons. Following the election, exiled opposition leader Sam Rainsy, who had earlier urged Cambodians not to vote, called for peaceful protests, calling it "a sham election with a foregone conclusion."

Speaking from south of Paris in Freteval where he lives, Sam Rainsy told The Associated Press that "it is a meaningless victory because (Hun Sen) won without any real challenger ... prior to the election he dissolved the only credible opposition party."

Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party was alarmed by the results of the 2013 election, when the race was close enough for the opposition to claim that it would have won had it not been for manipulation of the voter registration process.

Along with fracturing the political opposition — including pressuring Sam Rainsy into exile and jailing his successor, Kem Sokha — Hun Sen's government also silenced critical voices in the media. Over the past year, about 30 radio stations shut down, and two English-language newspapers that provided serious reporting were gutted, one forced to close and the other put under ownership friendly to the government. Just ahead of the polls, the government ordered the temporary blocking of 17 websites, citing regulations prohibiting media from disseminating information that might affect security. The blocked websites included those of the U.S. government-funded Voice of America as well as local media.

Hun Sen, whose 33 years in power make him among the world's longest-serving national leaders, promised peace and prosperity at a rally on the last day of campaigning on Friday, but attacked the opposition's boycott call and called those who heeded it "destroyers of democracy."

Hun Sen, 65, has said he intends to stay in power for at least two more five-year terms.

He was a member of the radical communist Khmer Rouge during its successful five-year war to topple a pro-American government, then defected to Vietnam during Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot's 1975-79 genocidal regime that left nearly 2 million Cambodians dead. □

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Egypt president defends painful austerity measures

By HAMZA HENDAWI

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's president zealously defended his economic policies on Sunday, saying he was left with no choice but to embrace painful austerity measures to revive an economy mauled by years of political turmoil and violence.

Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi was speaking at a youth conference a day after he expressed his displeasure over recent online postings urging him to step down over the economy. He said he was "upset" over the posts, which he said were inappropriate.

The #Sissi_leave hashtag surfaced this summer following steep price hikes for fuel, drinking water and electricity as part of austerity measures designed to overhaul the economy, still recovering from years of turmoil following the 2011 popular uprising.

"They have pushed us into being a nation of poverty, a nation of neediness, but when I begin working toward getting us out of this, I find the hashtag #Sissi — leave," he said. "Should I have been upset or not? I was upset. I was upset."

El-Sissi was first elected in 2014, a year after, as defense minister, he led the military's ouster of Mohammed Morsi, an Islamist who was freely elected but whose one year in office proved divisive. He has since taking office launched multibillion-dollar infrastructure, development and housing projects that he says will transform the country of some 96 mil-

lion people.

He has also overseen the largest crackdown on dissent in Egypt's recent history, jailing thousands of Islamists as well as some secular pro-democracy activists, and rolling back many of the freedoms won following the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

In March, el-Sissi won a second, four-year term after running virtually unopposed.

The economic reform program has won el-Sissi lavish praise from Cairo's western backers and bankers and showed him as a leader who was prepared to adopt painful measures, like lifting state subsidies on basic items, regardless of the political cost, something his predecessors had not been able to do for fear of unrest or losing power. El-Sissi's policies, however, have made more difficult the plight of a majority of Egyptians who are now forced to cope with steep hikes in the price of everything from utilities and fuel to food and transportation. El-Sissi has in the past told Egyptians not to listen to anyone but him and repeated that he would only listen to viewpoints different from his if they are based on thorough research. In his latest remarks, he repeated his frequent assertions about unnamed parties tirelessly working to undermine and destabilize the country.

Egypt, he warned Sunday, would not survive another "revolutionary" phase like that of 2011.

"Everything is linked to stability and security. I want us to develop an acute fear of instability," he said.

Addressing the same youth conference Sunday, el-Sissi warned that economic reform was open-ended and that he intended to continue down the same route. "I will press on because I don't have another path," declared the general-turned-president who routinely calls on Egyptians to endure hardships for the sake of their country and declares that only God will judge his actions. □



In this photo provided by Egypt's state news agency MENA, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi speaks during a youth conference in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, July 29, 2018.

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Brazilian celebrities hold 'Free Lula' concert in Rio

By BEATRICE CHRISTOFARO
RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Some of Brazil's most popular musicians called for jailed former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to be freed in a concert Saturday in Rio de Janeiro attended by tens of thousands of people.

Da Silva, a leftist ex-president universally known as Lula, was convicted of corruption and money laundering, but his supporters say the sentence was politically motivated.

Saturday's festival in front of Rio's iconic Lapa Arch featured household names in Brazil like Chico Buarque and other Latin American musicians.

Da Silva's image could be seen everywhere: On shirts, bandanas and masks, while his animated image danced on screens next to the stage. In between sets, supporters broke out into



People gather for the Lula Free festival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Saturday, July 28, 2018.

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chants of "Free Lula!" as organizers urged them to scream loud enough for da Silva to hear them from the southern city of Curitiba.

The former president was jailed there after his corruption conviction was upheld on appeal. He is one of many top politicians and business leaders to get brought down in the

so-called "Car Wash" investigation. Launched in 2014, investigators uncovered a colossal corruption scheme in which construction companies used inflated state contracts to kick back millions of dollars to politicians and other officials.

Da Silva's 12-year sentence divided people in Latin America's largest nation,

with his critics celebrating a victory against endemic corruption while supporters argue it amounts to a witch hunt against left-leaning parties and politicians.

Despite it all, da Silva remains one of Brazil's most popular politicians. He is currently leading polls for October's presidential race.

"Lula is the voice of the people," said Tayna Sena, a 22-year-old law-student who attended the concert.

"The elites are scared because even when he's in jail, he can get more support than any other politician."

It's unlikely that he gets on the ballot, though that hasn't stopped him and supporters from campaigning. Brazil's Clean Slate law prohibits a convict whose appeal has been upheld from running for office.

Earlier this month, it briefly

looked like da Silva might be freed when a lower court judge repeatedly ordered his release - only to be overruled each time.

"An election without Lula would be fraudulent," said 56-year-old doorman Adelson Pereira.

Da Silva's supporters, including big names in the Brazilian art scene, remain determined to get his name on the ballot. Nostalgic for the social programs and booming economy of his presidency, they stage protests, sign petitions or organize concerts.

"In Brazil, there is a tradition of many famous artists supporting left-leaning causes," said Ricardo Cravo Albin, one of Brazil's most important musicologists.

The researcher believes Chico Buarque plays a crucial role in getting the support da Silva receives in the artistic community. □

Competing marches peaceful in Nicaraguan capital

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) —

Simultaneous marches of supporters and opponents of President Daniel Ortega's government passed through the streets of Nicaragua's capital Saturday without incident.

The larger of the two marches was in support of the Roman Catholic Church and its bishops who are trying to mediate a conflict that has carried on for more than three months and left at least 448 dead, according to a human rights organization.

Marchers chanted on Saturday that the bishops had their support and urged Ortega to step down.

In an anniversary speech for the victory of the Nicaraguan Revolution July 19,

Ortega accused the Catholic Church of working with "coup plotters" for his ouster and even of allowing weapons to be stockpiled in their churches. Just days later his tone changed and he said he hoped the bishops would continue mediating a dialogue to end the conflict.

Still, Ortega has refused to consider stepping down before elections scheduled for 2021.

Seventy-year-old Nubia Torres said dialogue is worth a try, but said if Ortega was reasonable he would have already left office.

"Dialogue is believed to be a way out, but not for people like Daniel Ortega," she said, adding that a military intervention similar to the removal of Manuel Noriega

in Panama could be necessary.

Most in the opposition fear that taking up arms against the government would be both futile and play into Ortega's hands.

Not far away, Ortega supporters carrying the red and black flag of the Sandinista Front marched behind trucks blaring songs praising the president.

Roger Moncada, a 30-year-old accountant, echoed Ortega in calling the opposition "terrorists" and the three months of unrest a failed coup attempt.

He accused human rights organizations of only blaming the government for the deaths.

"The justice has to be even," he said.

The Nicaraguan Pro-Hu-



A woman wrapped in a Nicaragua national flag stands in front of a mural with an anti-government message during a march in support of the Catholic church, in Nicaragua, Saturday, July 28, 2018.

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man Rights Association said this week that 399 of dead had been identified and other evidence had been

gathered to document the other cases. The vast majority of the dead have been demonstrators, it said. □

LOCAL



Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu: “It feels like having dinner at home in Peru”



EAGLE BEACH - Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in ‘her home’ as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. “Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic.” Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired.

How It All Started

“Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?” That was the trigger for the start

because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. “My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic.” To find

her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. “We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook. Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef.”

Chef Table 5 Course Menu

Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be

best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. “Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table.” Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres Regiones, and the 2nd the

Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!

Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. “A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that’s why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on.” I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne’s place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [asiesmiperu](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmiperu). □



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financed by government funds. This plan was initially rejected as 'not feasible' but revived at the end of 1953, when it was endorsed by businessman Neme, who was also the owner of the Coral Strand Hotel. Construction started a year later, in December 1954. It would take approximately

three years for this project to be completed.

In February 1957 the first tourist hotel on Palm Beach, called Basi-Ruti Hotel, officially opened its doors. The Basi-Ruti hotel was a hotel with bungalows, spread over the white sand of Palm Beach. In 1958, Dutch Prin-

cess Beatrix stayed there during her visit to Aruba.

Basi-Ruti operated for approximately 25 years after it was handed over to a restaurant called Alfredo's Restaurant. After being abandon for many years, it would later be the home of a new timeshare resort, Playa Linda Beach Resort. Almost two decades after the construction of Basi-Ruti the Aruban developer Raymond Maduro, considered a pioneer in Aruba's timeshare industry, succeeded in convincing financial institutions that timeshare would sell in Aruba. Consequently the Aruba Beach Club opened its doors to the public on February 14, 1977 as the first timeshare resort in Aruba with 133 units. Aruba Beach Club was only the eight timeshare resort within the largest timeshare exchange company, RCI, which today boast more than 6,000 timeshare resorts around the world and is only one of various exchange companies.

It took only four years before the second timeshare resort was opened, namely Playa Linda Beach Resort.

Construction of Playa Linda

Playa Linda Beach Resort was constructed in three phases. The first phase started in March, 1981 (the south wing). All three of its construction phases were realized through the efforts of a team of local, visionary industry leaders, including developer Raymond Maduro of Sun Development, architect Dan Oduber, contractor Henk Bijen of Albo Aruba and René Nieuwkerk, who was Playa Linda's first general manager. Each played their part in contributing to the Playa Linda as it is today, distinctive for its design and remarkable for its upscale, yet still homey atmosphere.

Opening of Playa Linda

Since the opening, Playa Linda has led the way in defining island comfort and ambiance as well as demonstrating a dedication to sustainable development. Playa Linda was the first to put chickees on the beach, bringing in Seminole Indians from Florida for their construction, and was the first resort on Aruba to offer a free-form pool as well as a lush, mature garden.

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The Playa Linda Beach Resort offers utmost in comfort, community and unrivaled island and ocean-front views. For over thirty years, the beachfront, timeshare property has welcomed members and guests from all parts of the globe. Playa Linda is a participating resort within the exchange networks of both RCI and Interval International.

Playa Linda boasts a total of 215 well-appointed suites, ranging from units including studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom as well as townhouse apartments and penthouse accommodations. Each spacious suite provides modern comforts while maintaining a sense of place and an island charm. All units

feature a fully-equipped kitchen, Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV with premium, high definition channels, and on-site laundry facilities. The property also offers two swimming pools, fitness center, restorative spa, a mini-market and shopping arcade, with well-balanced array of both dining and shopping options. A fully-engaged, friendly staff, with front line support offered through member and guest services, a concierge as well as an activities department, helps further enhance guest's satisfaction. The members at PLBR are mainly of American origin (70%), 20% are Latin Americans and 10% European.

The resorts highly-identifiable, many tiered design has been a part of the island's landscape for almost the entire length of Aruba's tourism industry, and holds the distinction of being one of the island's first timeshare options.

In recent years, Playa Linda has endeavored to realize

environmentally-friendly operations, and was the first resort on Palm Beach to achieve ISO-14001 certification. Playa Linda won the RCI Gold Crown Award for more than twenty six consecutive years, a designation given to resorts that have attained the highest level of excellence in resort accommodations and hospitality. Interval International also bestowed Premier Status on the resort for more than 15 years.

The success of the resort throughout the years is clearly demonstrated in its almost sold-out status year-round, almost right from the start, and with many of the original owners of the resort still returning each year as well as also bringing in other family members and friends. Today, owners at the Playa Linda Beach Resort can compose different generations of the same family group.

Loyalty and love of the Playa Linda is not only shown in its number of original owners, but also in several members of the staff who are still at the resort, thirty five plus years later. By providing training and support to employees, Playa Linda has enabled each member of its staff the opportunity to reach his or her potential and to guarantee members and guests the best possible service. □





Hotel Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

ACCOUNTABILITY

During my studies of the hospitality industry we spent a lot of time talking about different company structures and company cultures, but we never really touched on the set up for timeshares. One of the things I find unique about timeshares is that our owners are our stakeholders. The board of directors and the management team are ultimately accountable to the members about how the resort operates.

At a timeshare resort there is no way to escape that accountability, as our members elect a board of directors that represent their interests and oversee the management team to make sure everything is running smoothly at their home away from home. You'd think having a board of representatives that serve as a liaison between those who oversee the daily operations of your property would be enough, but in timeshares there is an added layer, which is the weekly members meeting.

Once a week every week the resort manager, general manager or management team sit in a meeting with their members to give them updates on what is happening both at the resort and around the island. Once the information session is done the floor is opened to questions and answer sessions. I remember before I was promoted to a manager, feeling bad for the poor souls who had to attend what at one point in time was akin to a public flogging and then still had to go back to work after that. I remember seeing the former management team coming out of the meetings two hours or more after it started and looking older than when they went in. Of course at that time we had members who were upset at the way things were going at that time and they would hold the management team's feet to the fire, demanding answers for why their investment was basically going down the drain.

After I was promoted and told I had to attend the meetings, I nearly quit for fear of premature aging. Although, at the beginning I felt like I was going into the lion's den, by the end of the meeting I had a whole new perspective. These meetings if they get out of hand can be taxing, but when well guided with proper information and a team that takes responsibility and action to fix issues, the yelling match blossoms into an idea exchange, which leads positive change.

In the years since my first meeting, things have calmed down significantly, people don't come in ready to attack, they are more willing to listen and make their points and receive answers. Of course crowd sizes vary from standing room only to more managers than staff, but we always try to provide the same information no matter the audience, especially since even if we don't have a physical audience, we have a digital one via our website.

I'm happy to have seen the changes and the growth from where we were to where we are today and knowing that those who own at our resort trust us, but still want to keep us on our toes. As I've stated before a great resort is built on the active engagement of both staff and stakeholders. So if it's been a while since you were last at a meeting maybe stop by on your next visit or catch up on the minutes on your home resort's website.



Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.

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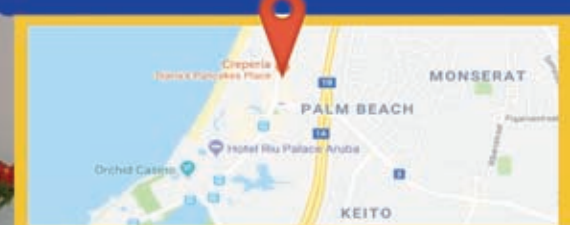
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SPORTS



Tour de France winner Britain's Geraint Thomas, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, leaves the podium ceremony on the Champs-Elysees avenue in Paris, Sunday July 29, 2018.

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Undeterred by skeptical fans, Thomas takes Tour de France title

By ANDREW DAMPF and CLARAN FAHEY
Associated Press writers

PARIS (AP) — The spits and the jeers. The eggs thrown at team cars. The attempts to unbalance riders while riding up the most grueling climbs.

Geraint Thomas never flinched at whatever fans — or his rivals — threw at him or Team Sky.

The Welsh rider was the steadiest rider from the start, the strongest in the Alps and the Pyrenees. On Sunday he concluded his transformation from a support rider into a champion of cycling's biggest race by claiming his first Tour de France title.

"With the boys, that's the main thing for the whole three weeks, we stuck together through some tough times, stayed strong," Thomas said.

"Everything just clicked this race."

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THREE for ONE



No. 1 Dustin Johnson wins Canadian Open at Glen Abbey

Dustin Johnson, of the United States, hoists the Canadian Open championship trophy at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ontario, Sunday, July 29, 2018.

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J.A. Happ dominant in winning Yankees debut, 6-3 over Royals

NEW YORK (AP) — J.A. Happ had made eight previous starts at Yankee Stadium plus a relief appearance in the final game of the 2009 World Series. This was different.

"It was kind of weird looking down and seeing the pinstripes on me," he said, "but I'm happy to get used to it." James Anthony Happ made the midseason impact the Yankees hoped for, pitching one-run ball over six innings to win his New York debut 6-3 over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday.

"It's a significant dude to the rotation," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said in California surfer-speak, "that helps in not just the days he pitches, hopefully, but also just makes our staff and our bullpen as a whole a little bit better."

Three days after New York acquired the 35-year-old left-hander from Toronto for infielder Brandon Drury and outfield prospect Billy McKinney, Happ took a shutout into the fifth before Salvador Perez's opposite-field home run into the Yankees bullpen in right-center. Happ (11-6) allowed three hits, struck out two and walked one, and the first-time All-Star ended a four-start winless streak.

Happ had been 4-1 as a visitor in the Bronx. He threw four-seam fastballs on 64 of 96 pitches against the Royals, including his first 13 of the third inning. He mixed in 12 changeups, seven sliders, two curveballs plus 11 two-seam sinking fastballs — all from the third inning on.

"His fastball definitely gets on you, and he likes to pitch in on hitters," catcher Austin Romine said. "It was weird. We almost felt like I caught him before, he was so much on the same page."

New York (67-37) won consecutive games for the first time since July 11-2 and remained 5½ games behind AL East-leading Boston. The Yankees sought a boost similar to the one provided

by David Cone, who made his Yankees debut exactly 23 years earlier after his acquisition from Toronto and became a key cog in the team that reached that year's playoffs and won four World Series titles in the following five seasons. Happ joined a rotation that includes Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka, CC Sabathia and Sonny Gray.

"I feel like in a lot of ways he's been underrated over the years," Boone said. "I feel like he's more in that upper tier than people want to acknowledge."

Aaron Hicks hit a two-run homer in the first off the screen attached to the right-field foul pole, a drive off Burch Smith (1-2). Hicks also doubled, singled and walked. New York took three over four against woeful Kansas City (32-73), which traded star third baseman Mike Moustakas to Milwaukee on Friday for prospects. Brett Phillips, one of those prospects, started in his Kansas City debut and made a leaping catch at the top of the right-field wall to rob Romine of a possible three-run homer in the fourth. Phillips' eyes were closed as the ball landed in his glove.

"Did I? Wow, that's impressive," Phillips said.

Hunter Dozier homered off Chad Green in the seventh and Rosell Herrera went deep against David Robertson leading off the eighth, the first home run of his big league career. Aroldis Chapman, pitching on consecutive days for the first time since July 1-3, struck out three straight batters for his 28th save in 29 chances, his 20th in a row.

At the time of the trade, Happ and the Blue Jays were in Chicago, where he lives with wife Morgan, 2½-year-old son J.J. and 8-month-old daughter Bella. Morgan flew to Toronto on Saturday morning to pick up some of her husband's belongings, leaving the kids with the grandparents, and flew out the same

day. The kids will join them in New York on Tuesday.

Life has been a whirlwind for the Happs.

"It was a little surreal out there," he said. "but a lot of fun."

SEATS

A crowd of 46,192 was New York's 20th home sellout, matching 2011 for the most at the new Yankee Stadium.

CLEANING UP

Torres and Andujar on Saturday became the first different Yankees rookies to hit cleanup in the starting lineup of consecutive games since Bill Robinson and Steve Whitaker in a doubleheader at Chicago on Aug. 22, 1967. □



New York Yankees' Didi Gregorius, top, leaps over Kansas City Royals' Rosell Herrera after forcing him out and throwing out Adalberto Mondesi at first base for a double play during the sixth inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 29, 2018, in New York.

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Top-ranked Dustin Johnson wins RBC Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Top-ranked Dustin Johnson pulled away Sunday in the RBC Canadian Open for his third victory of the season and 19th on the PGA Tour. Tied for third-round lead with Kevin Tway, Byeong Hun An and Whee Kim, Johnson shot a 6-under 66 for a three-stroke victory over Kim and An. Johnson finished at 23-under 265, winning at Glen Abbey after finishing second in 2013 and 2016 — and a week after missing the cut in the British Open. "Even after the missed cut last week, I felt like I was hitting it fine," Johnson said. "I just did not score very well at Carnoustie at all. I didn't putt good. I just scored really badly. But I felt like I hit the ball plenty good enough to be under par after two days, and I was 5 over or something. It was just bad scoring."

It fell into place at Glen Abbey, the Jack Nicklaus-designed course slated for redevelopment. "I needed to work on the putter though, which I did," Johnson said. "Started



Dustin Johnson, of the United States, hits his tee shot on the first hole during the final round of the Canadian Open at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ontario, Sunday, July 29, 2018.

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rolling the putter a lot better here this week. Really, really hit the ball well all four days."

Johnson has an endorsement deal with title sponsor RBC and fiancée

Paulina is hockey great Wayne Gretzky's daughter, adding to the American star's popularity in Canada. "Signing with RBC this year and coming up here and winning, especially on a

golf course where I've had success, it means a lot," Johnson said. "Obviously, having a lot of ties to Canada with Paulina, her dad, Wayne, who, thanks to him, I get a lot of fans out

here. It makes it a lot more fun playing out here in front of a big crowd. I had a lot of support this week, and it was a lot of fun.

Johnson also won at the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua in January and the FedEx St. Jude Classic in June in Memphis, Tennessee.

Kim and An each shot 69 in the round interrupted by a nearly 2-hour lightning delay.

"Definitely wasn't my best day," An said. "I didn't give myself many birdie chances."

Keegan Bradley had a 64 to finish fourth at 19 under. He shot 63 on Friday, but had a 73 on Saturday.

"Yesterday's round was a weird round," Bradley said. "I didn't play all that bad, but I didn't score very well." Mackenzie Hughes was the top Canadian, shooting a 68 to tie for eighth at 15 under.

Tway had a 76 to drop into a tie for 17th at 13 under. He was trying to win his first PGA Tour title in the event where father Bob Tway won the last of his four titles 15 years ago. □



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Jutanugarn wins Ladies Scottish Open for 10th LPGA title

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — Thailand's Ariya Jutanugarn hit six birdies in a final round 5-under 66 to win the Ladies Scottish Open by one shot on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Jutanugarn held off the challenge of Australian Minjee Lee at Gullane to claim her 10th LPGA title and third this year.

Jutanugarn finished on 13-under 271 and is projected to move top of the world rankings, ahead of South Koreans Inbee Park and Sung Hyun Park. She last held the No. 1 spot for two weeks in June 2017—the first Thai golfer to top the rankings.

"It means a lot to me, it's like my dream come true," the Bangkok-born Jutanugarn told lpga.com.

"I told my caddie this week, 'I want to win on a links

course one time in my life,' and I did it so (I feel) pretty good." Runner-up Lee remained in close pursuit of Jutanugarn throughout Sunday but was unable to make up a one-shot overnight deficit. Lee produced a bogey-free 66 but couldn't do enough after her third-round 71.

Jutanugarn has also won the Kingsmill Championship and U.S. Women's Open this year.

South Koreans Jin Young Ko (67) and Haeji Kang (69) finished tied for third on 8 under, while their compatriot Amy Yang dropped to joint fifth. Yang, who shared the overnight lead with Jutanugarn, carded a 1-over 72 to finish tied for fifth with Spaniard Carlota Ciganda. Beating Jutanugarn was always going to be a tough challenge. □

Kyle Busch wins 6th race of the season at Pocono

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) —

Kyle Busch and his Joe Gibbs Racing team were in sync everywhere on the track but victory lane. When it was time to snap photos of the winners, some members flashed one finger, others held up six.

Yes, that's one for the win at Pocono Raceway and six for the total this season. Busch then heard his name shouted from the top of the Richard Petty 200 Victory Circle. He craned his neck toward the section where the words were flanked by two images of Petty in his feathered Stetson hat and dark glasses.

Busch still has a long chase toward Petty on the Cup wins list but it hasn't kept the 33-year-old star from thinking about how far he can get.

"The top! Pretty simple," Busch said.

Busch had no one to bump him out of the lead this week and stormed from the bottom half of the field Sunday at Pocono Raceway on the way to his sixth NASCAR Cup victory of the season.

While champagne was sprayed on the podium,

team owner Joe Gibbs was a safe distance from the party, a Super Bowl ring glistening on a finger he plugged into his ear to muffle the noise as he talked on the phone.

"Crazy, man. He's on a tear right now," he said to the other side.

The milestones kept piling up for Busch in a race where he matched Kevin Harvick for most wins this season.

Busch tied three-time champ Tony Stewart for 13th on the career wins list with 49.

"You keep reaching higher up the ladder and you keep reaching more milestone drivers," Busch said.

"Tony Stewart is one of the all-time best and one of the drivers that I was a fan of growing up. It's awesome to be able to tie him. There's many more. We want to keep going."

Gibbs fielded cars for both Busch and Stewart and said both drivers were born to race.

"Very talented, driven, they want to go to the front," Gibbs said. "Both of them were real talented, that's for sure."

Busch, who won eight times in 2008, made it look easy

at Pocono this weekend, with a win Saturday in the Truck Series race. He won for the 192nd time over the Cup, Xfinity and Truck Series.

"How many can you get? I don't know. I'd like to think everything's achievable," Busch said.

He has Cup wins this year at Texas, Bristol, Richmond, Charlotte and Chicago-land. He hasn't gone more than three races without a winning a race since April. Busch had never won at Pocono until July 2017. He's won 10 races since that date and led more than 2,000 laps.

The only quibble with all this success?

"I do have a trophy case problem," Busch said, laughing.

Busch was set to start second but his No. 18 Toyota was one of 13 cars dumped to back of the pack for flunking post-qualifying inspection. The penalized cars included Harvick, who used a bump-and-run on the 18 with seven laps left last week at New Hampshire to knock Busch out of contention.

Oh well.

Much like the qualifying penalty, last week was just



Kyle Busch celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Sunday, July 29, 2018, in Long Pond, Pa.

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a minor afterthought.

Harvick's pole qualifying run also was tossed out but he led 30 laps and finished fourth.

The race was red flagged with six laps left in the wake of a violent wreck by Darrell Wallace Jr. Wallace lost the breaks in his No. 43 Chevrolet and the car shot across the grass and slammed into the wall. There were several tense seconds during a wait for Wallace to put down his window net. Once out, he sat on the track and slumped against the car before he taken to the track medical center.

When the race resumed,

Busch zipped away and he surged ahead again on the final restart in overtime to add to the win total for NASCAR's Big Three: Busch, Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. have won 16 of the 21 Cup Series.

"What's crazy is, how this year keeps going," Busch said. "Harvick gets one, we get one, Truex gets one. We're all back and forth."

Busch held off a pair of young drivers aiming for their first career Cup win. Daniel Suarez, the first Mexican driver to win the pole for a Cup race, finished second and Alex Bowman was third. □

THOMAS

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Thomas successfully defended his lead of 1 minute, 51 seconds over second-placed Tom Dumoulin in the mostly ceremonial final stage.

Four-time champion Chris Froome, Thomas's teammate, finished third, 2:24 behind. Froome rode next to Thomas as they crossed the line and applauded.

Thomas was a support rider during Froome's four victories but he emerged as Sky's strongest rider in this race when Froome crashed early on and couldn't keep up in the mountains.

Sky — and consequently Thomas — became a target for many fans due to an asthma drug case involving Froome, stemming from last year's Spanish Vuelta. Even though Froome was cleared of doping days before the start of the Tour,

that didn't stop some fans from abusing the British team's riders throughout the three-week race.

"When there is negativity like that, it brings us as a team closer together," Froome said. "It feels like it's us against the rest of the world. ... You can choose to let it get to you or you can choose to let it motivate you, and we let it motivate us."

Thomas stormed into the lead by winning back-to-back mountain stages in the Alps, including the iconic climb up Alpe d'Huez, then defended his advantage in the Pyrenees.

During the podium ceremony, Thomas draped the flag of Wales over his shoulders, then ended his victory speech with a mic drop.

"All I can say is that I do it the right way," Thomas said when asked about concerns of alleged doping



Britain's Geraint Thomas, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, holds the Welsh flag as second place Netherlands' Tom Dumoulin, left, and third place Britain's Chris Froome, applaud on the podium after the twenty-first stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 116 kilometers (72.1 miles) with start in Houilles and finish on Champs-Elysees avenue in Paris, France, Sunday July 29, 2018.

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within Sky. "We train super hard and there's nothing I can say that will prove it. I've just got to keep doing what I'm doing. It will stand the test of time."

An all-around rider who be-

gan his career on the track, the 32-year-old Thomas helped Britain to gold medals in team pursuit at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics before turning his full attention to road racing.

"I have my own goals and I kept doing what I'm doing and kept focused on that. ... Obviously it's not nice to hear (the jeers) but I do what I do and focus on myself," Thomas said. "It's easy to get wrapped up in or get angry or depressed but I stay in my own world."

Riding a yellow bicycle to match his yellow jersey, Thomas shared glasses of champagne with his teammates during the casual ride into Paris before buckling down to keep up with the other leaders on the jarring cobblestones of the Champs-Elysees. "It's going to take a while to sink in," Thomas said. "Normally that stage is really hard but today I just seemed to float around it. I had goose bumps going around there. The support from the Welsh, British flags. ... To ride around wearing this (yellow jersey) is a dream." □

Sounders win 3rd straight knocking off New York City FC 3-1

By TIM BOOTH
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Here go the Seattle Sounders once again recovering from an awful start to the season to make a summer run toward a playoff berth.

If only Cristian Roldan felt the Sounders were playing well during this run of three straight wins and six straight without a loss to get back into contention in the Western Conference.

"We're grinding out games, we're winning these games because we're playing good defense and we're scoring that one or two goals," Roldan said. "That's the scary part. You think about six unbeaten and you think if we start playing well and like we're supposed to, we can go on a really long run."

Roldan, Gustav Svensson and Harry Shipp all scored their second goals of the season, and the resurgent Sounders ended New York City FC's four-match win streak with a 3-1 victory Sunday.

Seattle completed a busy eight-day stretch with its third straight victory, picking up a crucial nine points in its attempt to rebound from a terrible first-half to



New York City goalkeeper Sean Johnson, right, can't stop a goal kicked by Seattle Sounders midfielder Cristian Roldan as Sounders' Raul Ruidiaz (9) looks on during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, July 29, 2018, in Seattle.

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the season. Seattle hasn't lost since a June 30 setback to rival Portland.

"We put ourselves in a really big hole, so we need to collect points. I don't care where we collect them, how we collect them, we need to collect points because this team deserves to be in the playoffs," Seattle coach Brian Schmetzer said.

Roldan scored in the 36th minute making a smart run through the penalty area

without going offside and finding himself on the end of Kelvin Leerdam's deflected pass. Roldan's right-footed shot beat Sean Johnson to give Seattle the early advantage.

Svensson doubled the lead in the 51st minute, beating Johnson from 25 yards out. Nicolas Lodeiro left the pass for Svensson making a late run and Johnson could barely get a hand on the strike. Shipp's goal in the 86th minute was the

clinch after NYCFC's Jesus Medina scored midway through the second half.

The three goals allowed Seattle to finally crack the 20 goals for the season, becoming the last team in MLS to reach the mark. Lack of offense was behind much of Seattle's struggles the first half of the season, but has picked up in the past three games with the addition of new designated player Raul Ruidiaz to the lineup. Ruidiaz had the only goal in

Seattle's 1-0 win at San Jose earlier in the week and was a constant threat against NYCFC without finding a goal.

NYCFC vaulted into second place in the Eastern Conference thanks to its four-match win streak and was trying to pull off the difficult task of winning on both coasts just a few days apart. NYCFC won at Orlando City on Wednesday, but was unable to do the same in Seattle. Medina's goal was his fifth of the season, but NYCFC struggled to create scoring chances. NYCFC coach Domenech Torrent was unhappy with the scheduling that forced his club to play across the country just days apart.

"I was very proud of my players because it is not easy. I don't have to make an excuse about that — it's a fact," Torrent said. "We have a big problem in MLS. If you want to play the balance in MLS, it's not fair in three days to play two games." NYCFC had gone 434 minutes until Roldan's goal, a span of more than four matches. The last goal NYCFC had allowed came in the 52nd minute of its 3-2 loss to Chicago on Jun 30. □



John Isner poses with the trophy after winning the BB&T Atlanta Open tennis tournament by defeating Ryan Harrison, Sunday, July 29, 2018, in Atlanta.

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John Isner wins BB&T Atlanta Open for 5th time in 6 years

ATLANTA (AP) — John Isner won the BB&T Atlanta Open for the fifth time in six years Sunday, beating fellow American Ryan Harrison in the final for the second straight year.

The top-seeded Isner beat the eighth-seeded Harrison 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 at Atlantic Station to join Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras as the only Americans to win an ATP Tour event five times or more.

Isner improved to 31-4 in the event, winning four matches in Atlanta after a 6-hour, 36-minute loss — with a 26-24 fifth set — to Kevin Anderson in the Wimbledon semifinals. The 6-foot-10 former University

of Georgia has 14 ATP Tour titles, also winning the Miami Open in April.

Isner won three straight titles from 2013-15, and lost the 2016 final to Nick Kyrgios. □





In this May 2, 2008, file photo, Bruce Lietzke tees off on the first hole during the opening round of the Champions Tour's FedEx Kinko's Classic golf tournament in Lakeway, Texas.

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Bruce Lietzke, fun-loving PGA Tour winner, dies at 67

ATHENS, Texas (AP) — Bruce Lietzke, the fun-loving, fade-hitting PGA Tour winner whose practice regime — or lack of one — spawned an often-told spoiled banana story, died Saturday of brain cancer. He was 67.

Lietzke's family said he died at his Athens ranch.

"Our PGA Tour family lost a treasured member with the death of Bruce Lietzke," PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said in a statement. "He touched on parts of five decades as a player, competed in 700 tournaments as a member of the PGA Tour and PGA Tour Champions, and recorded a total of 20 victories.

"But to celebrate Bruce Lietzke's life properly, we offer praise to the great family man and the cherished friend to many."

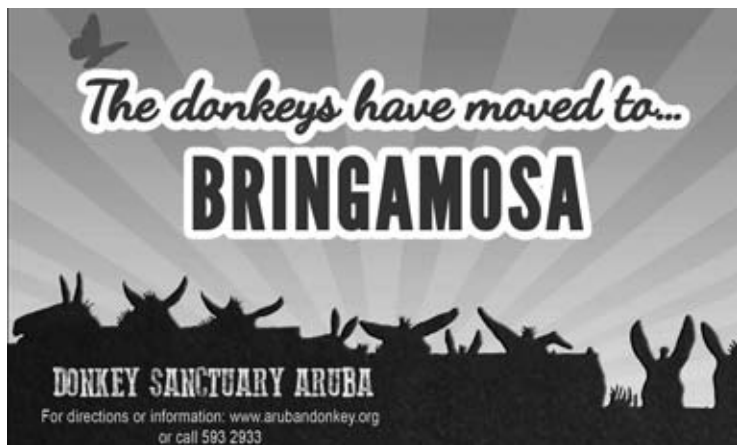
With family, fishing and a large muscle car collection to tend to, the 13-time PGA Tour winner had little time or desire to tinker with a trusted swing that didn't need tinkering — as the banana story hilariously illus-

trates. It started at the final event in 1984 when Lietzke told caddie Al Hansen that he wouldn't touch his clubs again until the 1985 opener. The unbelieving Hansen put the banana in Lietzke's golf bag as a test, only to discover the rotten fruit still there in January.

"We hunted, we fished, but most importantly, we all laughed with 'Lieky.' He was truly one of the good guys and will be missed," two-time U.S. Open winner Curtis Strange tweeted. Introduced to golf in his native Kansas City, Missouri, Lietzke starred at Forest Park High School in Beaumont, Texas, before moving on to the University of Houston.

Lietzke played in the United States' 1981 Ryder Cup victory in England, and finished second to John Daly in the 1991 PGA Championship. He won seven times on the senior tour, the last victory coming in the 2003 U.S. Senior Open at Inverness.

Lietzke is survived by wife Rose, son Stephen and daughter Christine. □



Mikey Garcia, left, hits Robert Easter Jr. with a left during the 12th round of their WBC and IBF lightweight title bout in Los Angeles, Saturday, July 28, 2018. Garcia won by unanimous decision.

Associated Press

Mikey Garcia trounces Robert Easter, nabs IBF 135-pound belt

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mikey Garcia added the IBF lightweight belt to his WBC title on Saturday night, dominating the previously unbeaten Robert Easter for a clear unanimous decision victory.

Garcia (39-0) knocked down Easter in the third round and controlled long stretches of the bout at Staples Center. He unified the two 135-pound titles with flair in his first fight in his native California in seven years.

The judges all favored Garcia, scoring it 116-111, 117-110 and 118-109.

The 30-year-old Garcia has been a world champion in four weight classes, and his combination of precision and power was too much for Easter (21-1). Garcia knocked down Easter with a nasty left hook in the third round and nearly finished the bout moments later.

Garcia couldn't get his first knockout since January 2017, but still delivered another outstanding performance. His victory in a unification bout put him in a rare collection of talents to accomplish the feat, including Roberto Duran, Julio Cesar Chavez, Pernell Whitaker and Oscar De La Hoya. The bout was

also the first time two previously unbeaten boxers had fought in a lightweight unification bout.

"It's a great accomplishment being here in LA," Garcia said. "I was in control most of the fight, and I did what I had to do. I knew he was a tough opponent. He's a tough warrior. He gave a great fight but I was a better fighter. I was in control of the fight and I did what I had to do to win." Easter was knocked down for only the second time in his career after a strong right jab set up Garcia's devastating left hook late in the third round.

Garcia also got better as the fight progressed. In the final four rounds, Garcia out-landed Easter 95-34 in total punches and ended the fight being the more active fighter, throwing 555 punches to Easter's 507.

"Whenever we step in the ring we are both putting our lives on the line, and tonight Mikey was victorious," Easter said. "I just couldn't find the timing and I just couldn't let my right hand go. He caught me with a clean shot and I went down, but I got up like a true champion."

Garcia had a 2 1/2-year layoff from his sport due

to a promoter dispute, but he is 5-0 since returning to the ring in 2016. He is one of only three fighters in modern history to hold world titles at 126, 130, 135 and 140 pounds, joining Juan Manuel Marquez and Manny Pacquiao. Garcia won the vacant IBF 140-pound title in March to become a four-division world champion, only to relinquish the title to return to 135 pounds to face Easter. Earlier on the Showtime card at Staples Center, heavyweight Luis Ortiz (29-1, 25 KOs) landed a straight left hand that sent Romanian Razvan Cojanu (16-4) to the canvas and ultimately ended the fight in the second round in the co-feature.

Both fighters were coming off losses in heavyweight world title fights, and Ortiz was fighting for the first time since challenging Deontay Wilder earlier this year. Mario Barrios (22-0, 14 KOs) recorded his sixth straight stoppage victory in the eighth round against Jose Roman (24-3-1). Each of the judges had the fight scored 80-70 in favor of Barrios at the time of the stoppage when Roman's corner didn't answer the bell for the ninth round. □

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Facebook cleanup: Hurt the stock, help the world?

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a rough year for Facebook and its investors. Questions of data privacy, fake news proliferation and user growth have dogged the company.

Now, it is investing heavily on fixing those problems. Not everyone is convinced of the solutions — but if you take Facebook at its word, the changes it plans will ultimately make the social media service better for its 2.2 billion users.

For Facebook, the investment is not just about catering to users; it's also an act of self-preservation.

If trust in the platform erodes, so too does the company's user base as well as the advertisers who pay big money to access eyeballs.

"If they did nothing, they would be more vulnerable to some kind of backlash," said Drew Margolin, communications professor at Cornell University.

The social media giant's shares tanked 19 percent on Thursday — its biggest one-day drop in Facebook history — the day after it revealed that user growth has slowed amid swirling questions about how Facebook's information is used. But CEO Mark Zuckerberg says it's all for a good cause, even at the expense of short-term profits and stock price.

"As I've said on past calls, we're investing so much in security that it will significantly impact our profitability. We're starting to see that this quarter," Zuckerberg said in a conference call with analysts.

So what exactly do these investments look like?

For one, the company is on track to hire 20,000 con-



This March 29, 2018 file photo shows the Facebook logo on screens at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York's Times Square.

Associated Press

tent moderators this year to clean up posts, photos and videos on its platform that violate the social network's rules. They go through everything from nude photos to violent videos and threats of violence to determine what can stay on Facebook and what needs to go.

Facebook is also investing in artificial intelligence and machine learning to automate its cleanup efforts, but experts say it could take decades before this effort fully pays off.

Bart Selman, a computer science professor at Cornell University and artificial intelligence expert, notes that while the company is "hiring great people" and building up fast to catch up to rivals

like Google on this front, it might be too optimistic on how quickly AI will help them address big problems such as fake news and political manipulation.

The company already uses AI to automatically remove child pornography and terrorist propaganda, but with content in the gray areas, humans need to step in.

Facebook also must keep its service useful and fun for people while grappling with growing concerns about tech addiction and the effects of social media on people's well-being. For years, the company has been able to grow the way it has by using subtle and not-so-subtle tricks to keep as many people on Facebook for as long as pos-

sible, including endless notifications and prompts to log in, algorithms that show users what they want to see and an endless stream of friend suggestions under the heading "people you may know."

To fix this, Facebook says it is now prioritizing "meaningful" content in people's feeds, such as photos and notes from friends and family and posts that spark conversation rather than mindless scrolling. The company warned, however, that the changes might result in people spending less time on the site, which could cut into advertising revenue and daily user numbers.

Then there is user privacy. Prompted in part by European regulations that

went into effect in May as well as broader privacy concerns, Facebook says it is giving people more choices around what ads they want to see, and how they are tracked on and off the service. In Europe, the company doesn't have much of a choice. But there is a broader backlash around how it handles users' private information and in an increasingly privacy-conscious world, its core business model could start to show some cracks.

Critics say there are plenty of reasons to be skeptical of Facebook's fixes. Despite Zuckerberg's missives about building community and making the world better, it is still a business.

"The biggest takeaway is that we still don't really know what's going on," said Michael Connor, whose Open Mic group helps investors push tech companies to address privacy, abuse and other issues. Sure, they have made changes, he added. But it's hard to tell whether they are meaningful shifts or just tinkering around the edges. Rich Mogull CEO of the security firm Securosis, said the question of whether Facebook is taking the right approach now will depend on the degree of what larger cultural changes they're making, he said.

"As long as Facebook's business model relies on collecting massive amounts of user data and selling access to those users, they will always struggle to maintain a balance that favors privacy," he said.

"They can be incredibly secure, but this will only equate to privacy when Facebook decides they want it to, and find a business model that supports it." □

Rising backlash as US firms seek Trump's steel tariff waiver

By RICHARD LARDNER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. companies seeking to be exempted from President Donald Trump's tariff on imported steel are accusing American steel manufacturers of spreading inaccurate and misleading information, and they fear it may torpedo their requests. Robert Miller, president and CEO of NLMK USA, said objections raised by U.S. Steel and Nucor to his bid for a waiver are "literal untruths." He said his company, which imports huge slabs of steel from Russia, has already paid \$80 million in duties and will be forced out of business if it isn't excused from the 25 percent tariff. U.S. Steel and Nucor are two of the country's largest steel producers.

"They ought to be ashamed of themselves," said Miller, who employs more than 1,100 people at mills in Pennsylvania and Indiana. Miller's resentment, echoed by several other executives, is evidence of the backlash over how the Commerce Department is evaluating their requests to avoid the duty on steel imports. They fear the agency will be swayed by opposition from U.S. Steel, Nucor and other domestic steel suppliers that say they've been unfairly hurt by a glut of imports and back Trump's tariff.

U.S. Steel said its objections are based on detailed information about the dimensions and chemistry of the steel included in the requests. "We read what is publicly posted and respond," said spokeswoman Meghan Cox. Nucor did not reply to requests for comment.

The 20,000-plus waiver applications that the Commerce Department has received illustrate the chaos and uncertainty ignited by Trump's trade war against America's allies and adversaries. It's a battle that critics of his trade policy, including a number of Republican lawmakers, have warned is misguided and will end up harming U.S. businesses.



In this Feb. 25, 2016 file photo, a truck carries a load at the Nucor Steel plant in Seattle.

Associated Press

Trump and European leaders agreed this past Wednesday not to escalate their dispute over trade, but the tariff on steel and a separate duty on aluminum imports remains in place as the U.S. and Europe aim for a broader trade agreement. The metal taxes would continue to hit U.S. trading partners such as Canada, Mexico and Japan even if the U.S. and the EU forge a deal.

Miller bristled over insistence by Nucor and U.S. Steel that steel slab is readily available in the United States. "That's just not true," he said.

His company isn't the only one looking overseas for a product described as being consistently in short supply. California Steel Industries, a mill east of Los Angeles in Fontana, described the slab shortage as "acute" on the West Coast and declared that its waiver request is critical to its survival.

Aiming to rebuild the U.S. steel industry, Trump relied on a rarely used 1962 law that empowers him to impose tariffs on particular imports if the Commerce Department determines those goods threaten national security. He added a twist: Companies could be excused from the tariff if they could show, for example, that U.S. manufacturers don't make the metal they need in sufficient quantities.

But there are hurdles to

clear on the path to securing an exemption. A single company may have to file dozens of separate requests to account for even slight variations in the metal it's buying. That means a mountain of paperwork to be filled out precisely. If not, the request is at risk of being rejected as incomplete. All this can be time-consuming and expensive, especially for smaller businesses.

The requests are open to objections. The Commerce Department posts the exemption requests online to allow third parties to offer comments — even from competitors who have an interest in seeing a rival's request denied. But objections are frequently being submitted just as the comment period closes, undercutting the requester's ability to fire back.

Willie Chiang, executive vice president of Plains All American Pipeline, told the House Ways and Means subcommittee on trade last week that his company had no opportunity to respond to objections that contained "incorrect information" before the Commerce Department denied its exclusion request. Chiang didn't say who submitted the inaccurate information.

"The intent here is to restrict imports on a broad scale," said Richard Chriss, executive director of the American Institute for International Steel, a free trade

group opposed to tariffs. "It wouldn't make sense from the administration's perspective to design a process that readily granted exclusions."

The Commerce Department declined to comment for this story.

Department officials have so far made public only a small number of their rulings.

An analysis of the numbers by the office of Rep. Jackie Walorski, an Indiana Republican and one of the most vocal opponents of the steel tariff on Capitol Hill, shows that 760 requests have been approved while 552 have been denied. The department hasn't yet approved a waiver request that triggered objections, according to Walorski's review.

The congresswoman's office also examined the more than 5,600 publicly available comments and found they were submitted on average about four days before the end of the 30-day comment period. More than 50 percent of the comments weren't delivered until 48 hours or less before the comment window closed. It took department an average of nine days to post comments online after receiving them, according to the analysis. The most prolific commenters were Nucor and U.S. Steel with 1,064 and 1,009, respectively.

A waiver request Seneca Foods Corporation sub-

mitted for tinplated steel it had already agreed to purchase from China was among the denials. U.S. Steel had objected, calling the tinplate a "standard product" that's readily available in the United States. In fact, U.S. Steel said it currently supplies the material to Seneca Foods, the nation's largest vegetable canner.

The New York-based Seneca Foods declined to comment. But in its waiver application, the company said domestically-made tinplate "is of inferior quality to imported material." Seneca Foods also said it's unclear, at best, if U.S. suppliers have the ability or willingness to expand their production in the long term to meet the company's annual demand for the material.

Philadelphia-based Crown Cork & Seal, a manufacturer of metal packaging for food and beverages, submitted a sharply worded attachment to its waiver application that anticipated pushback from domestic manufacturers. American steel mills, the document said, cannot meet aggregate demand for tinplate and have no plans to increase their capacity.

"We anticipate the U.S. mills will attempt to rebut this statement when they object to this exclusion request, but we encourage the Department of Commerce to see through their manipulative attempt to exploit the rules of the exclusion request process," the application said.

Daniel Shackell, Crown Cork & Seal's vice president for steel sourcing, said he's not optimistic about the company's chances of getting all 70 of its waiver requests approved. Eight have been granted so far primarily because the metal specified in those requests is not made in the United States. Twelve others have been denied, leaving 50 still to be decided.

"It's hard not to interpret that the Commerce Department wants domestic suppliers to have an edge," Shackell said. □

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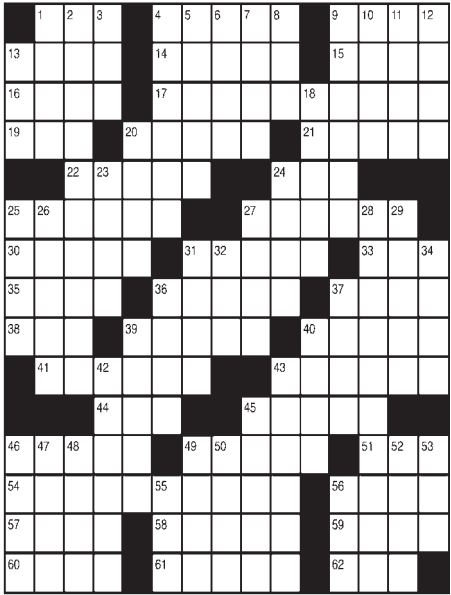
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

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4	2	5	7	3	1	6	9	8
3	8	6	4	5	9	1	7	2

- ACROSS
- 1 Piece of china
 - 4 Peruvian natives
 - 9 Unusually skin mark
 - 13 Window glass
 - 14 India's first prime minister
 - 15 Explorer Marco
 - 16 Fissure; split
 - 17 Rockets
 - 19 pedestal; lovingly honored
 - 20 Night lights
 - 21 Uptight
 - 22 Traveler's stop
 - 24 Mustang or Maxima
 - 25 Mistake
 - 27 Most underhanded
 - 30 Steve or Woody
 - 31 Native of the Far East
 - 33 Journal
 - 35 Put on weight
 - 36 Dense group of bees
 - 37 Minstrel's instrument
 - 38 "I ___ Rock"; Simon & Garfunkel hit
 - 39 Part of USMC
 - 40 Native of Italy's capital
 - 41 Weapons storage facility
 - 43 Barney __; Fred Flintstone's pal
 - 44 Bullring cheer
 - 45 Paddled boat
 - 46 Higher than
 - 49 Bit of parsley
 - 51 Wine color
 - 54 Signed up
 - 56 Dishonest one
 - 57 Give a hoot
 - 58 Wed without fanfare
 - 59 ___ in a blue moon; seldom
 - 60 Colors
 - 61 Birch tree with catkins
 - 62 Word of disgust



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 7/30/18

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 40 Ladder piece
- 42 Films
- 43 Oakland athlete
- 45 Thin pancake
- 46 Prefix for angel or enemy
- 47 Actor Bridges
- 48 Meanie
- 49 ___ down the river; betray
- 50 Nudge
- 52 Every
- 53 Rap's Dr. ___
- 55 Oolong or pekoe
- 56 ___ Diamond Phillips



Authorities search the coastline, Saturday, July 28, 2018, after a polar bear attacked and injured a polar bear guard who was leading tourists off a cruise ship between mainland Norway and the North Pole.

Associated Press

Polar bear killed after attack on Arctic cruise ship guard

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
BERLIN (AP) — Norwegian authorities said a polar bear on Saturday attacked and injured a polar bear guard who was leading tourists off a cruise ship on an Arctic archipelago. The polar bear was shot dead by another employee, the cruise company said. The Joint Rescue Coordination for Northern Norway tweeted that the attack occurred when the tourists from the MS Bremen cruise ship landed on the most northern island of the Svalbard archipelago, a region between mainland Norway and the North Pole that is known for its remote terrain, glaciers, reindeer and polar bears. The German Hapag Lloyd Cruises company, which operates the MS Bremen, told The Associated Press

that two polar bear guards from their ship went on the island and one of them "was attacked by a polar bear and injured on his head." The polar bear was then shot dead "in an act of self-defense" by the second guard, spokeswoman Negar Etminan said. The injured man was taken by helicopter to the town of Longyearbyen on Spitsbergen island. He was not identified and no further information was given on him. "He was flown out, was responsive, and is currently undergoing medical treatment," Etminan said, adding that the victim was not in a life-threatening condition. She said all cruise ships traveling in the northern region are obliged to have polar bear guards aboard. □

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Science Says record heat, fires worsened by climate change

By **SETH BORENSTEIN** and **FRANK JORDANS**
Associated Press

Heat waves are setting all-time temperature records across the globe, again. Europe suffered its deadliest fire in more than a century, and one of nearly 90 large fires in the U.S. West burned dozens of homes and forced the evacuation of at least 37,000 people near Redding, California. Flood-inducing downpours have pounded the U.S. East this week.

It's all part of summer — but it's all being made worse by human-caused climate change, scientists say.

"Weirdness abounds," said Rutgers University climate scientist Jennifer Francis.

Japan hit 106 degrees on Monday, its hottest temperature ever. Records fell in parts of Massachusetts, Maine, Wyoming, Colorado, Oregon, New Mexico and Texas. And then there's crazy heat in Europe, where normally chill Norway, Sweden and Finland all saw temperatures they have never seen before on any date, pushing past 90 degrees. So far this month, at least 118 of these all-time heat records have been set or tied across the globe, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The explanations should sound as familiar as the crash of broken records.

"We now have very strong evidence that global warming has already put a thumb on the scales, upping the odds of extremes like severe heat and heavy rainfall," Stanford University climate scientist Noah Diffenbaugh said. "We find that global warming has increased the odds of record-setting hot events over more than 80 percent



An historic schoolhouse burns as the Carr Fire tears through Shasta, Calif., Thursday, July 26, 2018. Fueled by high temperatures, wind and low humidity, the blaze destroyed multiple homes and at least one historic building.

Associated Press

of the planet, and has increased the odds of record-setting wet events at around half of the planet." Climate change is making the world warmer because of the build-up of heat-trapping gases from the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil and other human activities. And experts say the jet stream — which dictates weather in the Northern Hemisphere — is again behaving strangely. "An unusually sharply kinked jet stream has been stuck in place for weeks now," said Jeff Masters, director of the private Weather Underground. He says that allows the heat to stay in place over three areas where the kinks are: Europe, Japan and the western United States.

The same jet stream pattern caused the 2003 European heat wave, the 2010 Russian heat wave and fires, the 2011 Texas and Oklahoma drought and the 2016 Canadian wildfires, Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann said, pointing to past studies by him and others.

He said in an email that these extremes are "becoming more common because of human-caused climate change and in particular, the amplified warming in the Arctic."

Climate scientists have long said they can't directly link single weather events, like a heat wave, to human caused climate change without extensive study. In the past decade they have

used observations, statistics and computer simulations to calculate if global warming increases the chances of the events.

A study by European scientists Friday found that the ongoing European heat wave is twice as likely because of human-caused global warming, though those conclusions have not yet been confirmed by outside scientists. The World Weather Attribution team said they compared three-day heat measurements and forecasts for the Netherlands, Denmark and Ireland with historical records going back to the early 1900s.

"The world is becoming warmer and so heatwaves like this are becoming more common," said Frie-

derike Otto, a member of the team and deputy director of the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford.

Erich Fischer, an expert on weather extremes at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich who wasn't part of the analysis said the authors used well-established methods to make their conclusions.

Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb said the link between climate change and fires isn't as strong as it is with heat waves, but it is becoming clearer.

A devastating fire in Greece — with at least 83 fatalities — is the deadliest fire in Europe since 1900, according to the International Disaster Database run by the Centre for the Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters in Brussels, Belgium.

In the United States on Friday there were 89 active large fires, consuming nearly 900,000 acres, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. So far this year, fires have burned 4.15 million acres, which is nearly 14 percent higher than average over the past 10 years.

The first major science study to connect greenhouse gases to stronger and longer heat waves was in 2004. It was titled "More intense, more frequent and longer lasting heat waves in the 21st century." Study author Gerald Meehl of the National Center for Atmospheric Research said Friday that now it "reads like a prediction of what has been happening and will continue to happen as long as average temperatures continue to rise with ever-increasing emissions of greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels. It's no mystery." □

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It's Rubens vs. Facebook in fight over artistic nudity

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — For four centuries, the opulent, exuberant nudes of Peter Paul Rubens have been known to shock and delight in sometimes equal measure. And now, even in 2018, his Baroque paintings are still jolting the internet. Belgian museums are uniting in protest against Facebook since they cannot promote Flemish Masters including Rubens at will for fear of falling foul of the social media site's adult content rules and automatic censorship. "The bare breasts and buttocks painted by our artist are considered by you to be inappropriate. We have noticed that Facebook consistently rejects works of art by our beloved Peter Paul Rubens," over a dozen top Belgian art officials wrote to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

The Visit Flanders tourist board even produced a mock news video where security officials prevent visitors from seeing nudity in the Rubens House museum. In it, one even spreads his arms in front of the "Adam & Eve" painting, where the biblical figures are covered only by the proverbial fig leaf. Instead they divert them to other paintings where everyone is properly dressed.

Point made, they hope.

"Twenty percent of the (Facebook) posts that we dedicated to the Flemish Masters couldn't be shown to our audience, our cultural audience worldwide," said spokeswoman Tama d'Haen of Visit Flanders.

"It's really embarrassing for Visit Flanders that we cannot show one of our main assets to the world. That's why we came up with the idea of a video," she said.

Facebook says it



In this photo taken on Thursday, July 26, 2018, visitors look at the painting "Adam and Eve" by Flemish master Peter Paul Rubens in the Rubenshouse in Antwerp, Belgium.

Associated Press

understands the issue. Yet even if it allows paintings like those from Rubens to be posted, it has more restrictive rules when it comes to advertising, which "must not contain adult content. This includes nudity, depictions of people

in explicit or suggestive positions, or activities that are overly suggestive or sexually provocative."

The Facebook rules go on to say that it includes "nudity or implied nudity, even if artistic or educational in nature."

And that is where Rubens and other masters get caught in the act.

D'Haen said Belgian officials want Facebook to "make a difference between nudity in general, pornographic nudity, which is of course not allowed on their platform, and the nudity which is part of many paintings hanging in Flanders and worldwide."

She said they never get complaints from museum goers about the nudity. Both sides have agreed to a meeting to discuss the topic in detail. Facebook wrote to The Associated Press on Friday saying that "as part of a longer running and continuous review process, we want to make sure that museums and other institutions are able to share some of their most iconic paintings."

"We are thus currently reviewing our approach to nudity in paintings in ads on Facebook," the statement said. □

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Fending off Fortnite: Can Overwatch stay atop esports world?

By JAKE SEINER

NEW YORK (AP) — The Overwatch League has planted its flag atop the esports mountain. But just like its twitchy-thumbed superstars, the premier circuit can't afford to sit still. Not as long as Fortnite commands the rest of the gaming universe.

The Fortnite phenomenon has put Overwatch in a strange position. The Overwatch League's inaugural season has been a barrier-breaking achievement, but Blizzard Entertainment's 6-on-6 first-person shooter isn't nearly the world's most popular video game. That would be Fortnite, a battle royale that has transcended gaming and smashed into the mainstream unlike any title in years. Overwatch executives say they aren't nearly panicked because of one grand gamble: their deep pockets and impressive infrastructure can keep Fortnite from making a successful charge for the crown.

THE LEAGUE

A top-selling game doesn't necessarily make an elite



In this Friday, July 27, 2018 photo, fans watch the Philadelphia Fusion and London Spitfire compete in the Overwatch League Grand Finals' first night of competition at the Barclays Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

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esport — the latter requires a professional circuit, loyal fans and a product that's just as enjoyable to watch as to play.

The Overwatch League has set the standard for esports in its first season. Ten million fans watched its open-

ing weekend, and 100-150 thousand tuned in for every second of the regular season. The league's two-night championship sold out Brooklyn's Barclays Center, and the opening night aired live on ESPN, the network's first live broadcast of esports in prime time. The league has a fierce and sizable stable of fans, big-name investors like New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and the momentum of a monumental first season.

FORMIDABLE FORTNITE

Yet video gamers are clearly more ravenous for Fortnite. The breakout title from Epic Games has 125 million global players, compared to 40 million for Overwatch. Perhaps more jarring, Google searches for "Fortnite" outpaced "Overwatch" 14-to-1 in the week leading up to the Overwatch League Grand Finals.

Fortnite's crossover appeal is unrivaled, a fact most recently on display when France's Antoine Griezmann celebrated a goal in the World Cup Final with a dance move popularized by the game.

How could Overwatch not be terrified of a competitor with that kind of organic reach?

Simple: it doesn't see Fort-

nite as competition — yet.

"Fortnite right now is 99 percent a game and not an esport," said Ari Segal, president of Immortals Gaming, which runs Overwatch's Los Angeles Valiant. "But I think obviously there's a path for it to become an esport."

The distinction is key. Structured, competitive Fortnite events are still in their infancy, and Epic has a ways to go to match the professional experience provided to Overwatch League fans. Epic began that effort by promising in May to offer \$100 million in Fortnite esports prize pools — an enormous sum for the industry. Yet early returns have been shaky, like when the Fortnite Summer Skirmish Series was cancelled mid-play due to technical issues. The tournament has also been hindered by conservative game play, with players waiting until the last possible moment to engage. In a statement, Epic said that it "under delivered" in what was supposed to be its first marquee esports event while laying out plans to improve the viewing experience.

Epic did not respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

"It takes a lot more than a press release to build an esport," Overwatch League

Commissioner Nate Nanzer said. "I think I can speak as well as most that there's a ton of investment and planning and infrastructure that you need to build in order to do professional esports at a high quality bar."

THE GRAND FINALS

Overwatch's Grand Finals have been a showcase for that. All it takes is one look at the 165-foot-wide, 36-foot-tall LED screen behind the Barclays Center stage — players and fans alike were in awe of the massive display.

But it runs deeper than flashy tech. The league's broadcasts on Twitch have been nearly flawless technologically all season. Its teams have impressive support staffs including chefs, physical trainers and PR managers. Even the in-event entertainment is first-rate: DJ Khaled performed at Saturday's championship finale.

Which isn't to say Overnight is a finished product. There's work to be done packaging its events, especially for casual fans. Blizzard plans to experiment with its broadcast structure to better serve diehards and newbies alike. Those adjustments began with more explanatory segments on the ESPN show for uninitiated viewers, and the league will use feedback from that to shape coverage for next season.

"What I saw on Twitter was fun," said Pete Vlastelica, President and CEO of Activision Blizzard Esports Leagues. "I liked seeing the healthy debate between the old-school, old-guard sports audience who wondered what they were watching and then a lot of young sports fans who were very excited by what they were seeing."

Even as it experiments, everything about the league has the look and feel of a top-notch pro sports organization, and that's been a matter of investment and expertise for Blizzard and its team owners — a group that includes Kraft, New York Mets COO Jeff Wilpon and Los Angeles Rams owner Stan Kroenke. □

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Fashion spotlight shines again for 1980s designer Dapper Dan

By DEEPTI HAJELA

NEW YORK (AP) — In hip-hop's golden era, the artists responsible for rap's distinctive sound went to Harlem fashion designer Dapper Dan for the period's equally distinctive look.

Now the fashion ground-breaker, who spent more than two decades out of the public eye, is back.

He's got a partnership with Gucci and the likes of Beyoncé among those wearing his designs, like the lo-goed jacket that is part of her costumes in her current tour with her husband, Jay-Z.

It's a situation that Dapper Dan calls "amazing" and that observers say is a reflection of how hip-hop and street style have influenced global fashion, with him among the innovators.

The couturier, whose real name is Daniel Day, now has a new Gucci-sponsored workshop in a Harlem brownstone, not far from the now-closed 125th Street boutique that once clothed Salt-N-Pepa, Eric B. & Rakim and LL Cool J.

His operation now is a different one from the 24-hour-per-day shop that turned out custom-made jackets for those early rap superstars, but Dapper Dan said some things haven't



In this Thursday, July 19, 2018 photo, designer Dapper Dan is seen during an interview at his atelier in the Harlem neighborhood of New York.

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changed.

As a young man with a reputation for sharp dressing, "my first intention was to transform myself through clothes," he said. "I took that same concept in opening up a store, transforming people. When Gucci came along, I saw the opportunity to do this element of transformation on a larger scale."

Dapper Dan's outfits in the 1980s were original designs embossed with designer logos from Gucci, Fendi and

Louis Vuitton among others — without the brands' permission.

He saw the pull of luxury and brand names and came up with the idea of putting the logos people coveted from bags and luggage on clothes to be worn.

"None of the big brands were making coats and jackets. That wasn't available," Dapper Dan said. That "left the whole field open for me."

His logo-draped fabrics

also were used in everything from suits to car interiors, in styles and silhouettes that the labels themselves weren't even doing.

"This is kind of the story of hip-hop," said Erik Nielson, an associate professor at the University of Richmond, in Richmond, Virginia, who teaches African-American pop culture. "Dapper Dan took something that was there. He arguably made it better. ... He showed the brands all these possibilities it's clear they had never re-

ally considered."

Dapper Dan insists what he was doing wasn't a knock-off. He wasn't like the people who were making counterfeit bags and belts. His creations were "knock-ups," he said.

"I was creating things that when somebody wore it, they knew, 'Oh, no, Gucci doesn't even make pants and jackets and overcoats and things,'" at least not the way he was doing it.

By the late 1980s, when his clients also included Mike Tyson, who got into a fight with another fighter at Dapper Dan's store, the brands had started to bring their power to bear against him. There were legal orders and raids, including one by Fendi, whose lawyer for anti-counterfeiting efforts was Sonia Sotomayor, now on the U.S. Supreme Court. After his store closed in 1992 because of the legal pressures, he said, he went "underground," with private clients including Floyd Mayweather.

The Gucci partnership came about after Gucci's creative director, Alessandro Michele, put on the runway in May 2017 a jacket that was strikingly reminiscent of one Dapper Dan created in the 1980s using another brand's logo. □

Next 'Star Wars' film to use unreleased Fisher footage

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carrie Fisher is not done with "Star Wars" after all — Lucasfilm says unreleased footage of the actress will be used in the next installment of the "Star Wars" saga to draw her character's story to an end.

The studio and writer-director J.J. Abrams announced Friday that footage of Fisher shot for 2015's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will be used in the ninth film in the space opera's core trilogies about the Skywalker family that includes Fisher's character, Leia.

Filming is scheduled to begin Wednesday at London's Pinewood Studios. Mark Hamill, who plays

Luke Skywalker, will also appear in the film, which for the moment is simply called "Episode IX." It is scheduled to be released in December 2019.

Fisher died in December 2016 after she finished work on the middle installment in the trilogy, "The Last Jedi." Director Rian Johnson opted not alter her storyline, leaving Leia's fate to be handled by Abrams.

"We desperately loved Carrie Fisher," Abrams said in a statement. "Finding a truly satisfying conclusion to the Skywalker saga without her eluded us."

He said recasting Fisher or recreating her using computer graphics, as was done in a spinoff film

"Rogue One," was not an option.

"With the support and blessing from her daughter, Billie, we have found a way to honor Carrie's legacy and role as Leia in Episode IX by using unseen footage we shot together in Episode VII." Friday's announcement also confirmed that Billy Dee Williams will be returning to the franchise as Lando Calrissian, a hero of the rebellion who hasn't been seen in the latest trilogy.

Also returning to the film are Daisy Ridley, Oscar Isaac, John Boyega and Kelly Marie Tran, who all play heroes. Adam Driver and Domhnall Gleeson, who play villains in the latest films, are also returning. □



In this Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, file photo, actress Carrie Fisher attends a special screening of, "Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds," at Alice Tully Hall in New York.

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2 New Yorker artists bring colors, smiles to Rohingya camps

By RISHABH R. JAIN

KUTUPALONG, Bangladesh (AP) — With his blond dreads tied in a ponytail and baggy jeans caked with paint smudges, Max Frieder first arrived at the cramped Rohingya refugee camps last December. Unlike many other foreigners, he wasn't an aid worker in one of the biggest camps for Myanmar's persecuted minority in southern Bangladesh.

His mission: bringing color and art to one of the most dismal places in the world. Amid the sea of makeshift bamboo-and-tarp shelters dotting the rolling hills of Kutupalong, some huts are now painted over with colorful murals. Each mural is a collection of stories from the lives of Rohingya refugees and their hopes for the future.

Frieder and his partner Joel Bergner run a public art organization called Artolution. They've made hundreds of large-scale murals around the world, particularly with communities living in conflict zones, from Syrian refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon to the Gaza Strip and Israel. "You might have food, you might have water, you might have shelter, but there are many deep-rooted psychological traumas that refugees around the world are facing today," Frieder said.

In Bangladesh, they spent several weeks interacting with children and other refugees interested in drawing



In this Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, photo, Rohingya refugee children kick a soccer ball outside their makeshift school in the Kutupalong refugee camp near Cox's bazar, Bangladesh.

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and painting. They created more than a dozen murals spread across the expansive camps — covering schools, toilets and gathering spaces with a myriad of colors.

While hundreds of children, teenagers and entire families came together to participate in painting the murals, some refugees said they found their calling in art.

Hasina, 20, who covers her face in a veil in accordance to her Islamic faith and uses only one name, said she never thought women were allowed to draw and paint. She is now part of Artolution's group of local Rohingya artists who continue to make public

art and work with children in the camps.

She said the paintings were therapeutic for children. "The Rohingya have suffered greatly in Myanmar. They (government soldiers) slaughtered mothers and shot people dead. When children see this art, they forget about all that and become happy instead," Hasina said.

Rohingya face official and social discrimination in predominantly Buddhist Myanmar, which denies most of them citizenship and basic rights because they are looked on as immigrants from Bangladesh, even though many of them settled in Myanmar generations ago. Dire conditions led more than 200,000 to flee the country between 2012 and 2015.

The latest crisis began last August after the Myanmar military crackdown on Rohingya Muslims in retaliation for an insurgent attack. The military responded with counterinsurgency sweeps and was accused of widespread human rights violations, including rape, murder, torture and the burning of Rohingya homes. Thousands are believed to have died and about 700,000 fled to Bangladesh. The U.N. and U.S. officials have called the government's military campaign ethnic

cleansing.

As refugees complete almost a year of living in Bangladesh, with little hope of quick repatriation to their homes in Myanmar, few have found ways of earning a living. Most still rely on handouts from aid organizations working in the camps, including food, blankets and tarp.

A growing number of children, who make up more than 60 percent of the refugees, don't have enough schools to go to. They can be found selling packets of chips and cheap cigarettes at small makeshift shops or helping their family carry aid and care for other children.

Mohammad Hasan, another Rohingya who was trained by Frieder, said he

feels proud when people in his community call him a painter. He believes learning to draw and paint is a means for his people to move on.

"If they can temporarily forget about their memories from Myanmar, they can use the happiness they get here and move forward with their lives," Hasan, 28, said. "Also, they are becoming perfect at drawing and painting."

Though the schools are rudimentary and immense efforts are needed to educate and rehabilitate Rohingya children in Bangladesh, the murals are bringing in more kids to spaces where they can learn, draw and play.

In May, Artolution joined hands with UNICEF to create an exchange mural, which was painted by children and other Rohingya in Kutupalong. It was later hand-carried to New York City, where it is now on display inside the World Trade Center transit hub known as the Oculus.

Frieder said almost half a million people now see the art created by Rohingya in New York every day. He believes the murals are making people aware, some for the first time, about the displacement of more than 900,000 Rohingya Muslims.

"I think people around the world have no idea who the Rohingya people are and what they are going through," he said. "These pieces of art, these stories that they create, are able to say, 'We are here, we exist.'"



In this June 20, 2018, photo, vice president of marketing and communications for UNICEF USA Francesco De Flaviis talks with co-founder and co-director of Artolution, Max Levi Frieder, of Denver.

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In this Jan. 21, 2018, photo, Rohingya refugee children draw and paint inside the makeshift school that is covered by murals at Kutupalong Refugee Camp.

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